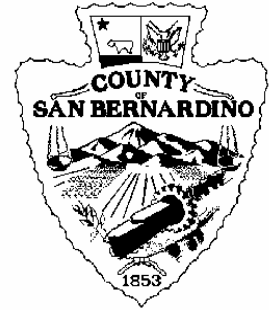


# NEWS

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### Ovitt Applauds Graffiti Removal

Supervisor Gary Ovitt applauded County Code Enforcement's graffiti removal operations this past weekend. Supervisor Ovitt had Code Enforcement organize the clean-up alongside private graffiti removal services to coincide with anti-gang operations.

"Residents deserve to live in communities free of graffiti," said Ovitt. "The County has a responsibility to clean-up these neighborhoods so residents can live without intimidation of gang members."

Over thirty sites covering 9000 square feet of graffiti were painted over with recyclable paint or sandblasted to enhance and beautify the community. The graffiti clean-up event coincided with Sheriff's Movement Against Street Hoodlums (SMASH) sweeps. SMASH operations target known gang members who were violating parole or probation.

"This past weekend's gang sweep and graffiti clean-up should serve as a wake-up call to all gangbangers that the residents of the 4<sup>th</sup> District will not tolerate their unlawful behavior anymore," stated Supervisor Ovitt. "Their days of claiming territory by spray painting on walls, signs or sidewalks are over."

Ongoing graffiti removal will be aggressively maintained in the unincorporated areas through a coordinated effort of public and private entities.